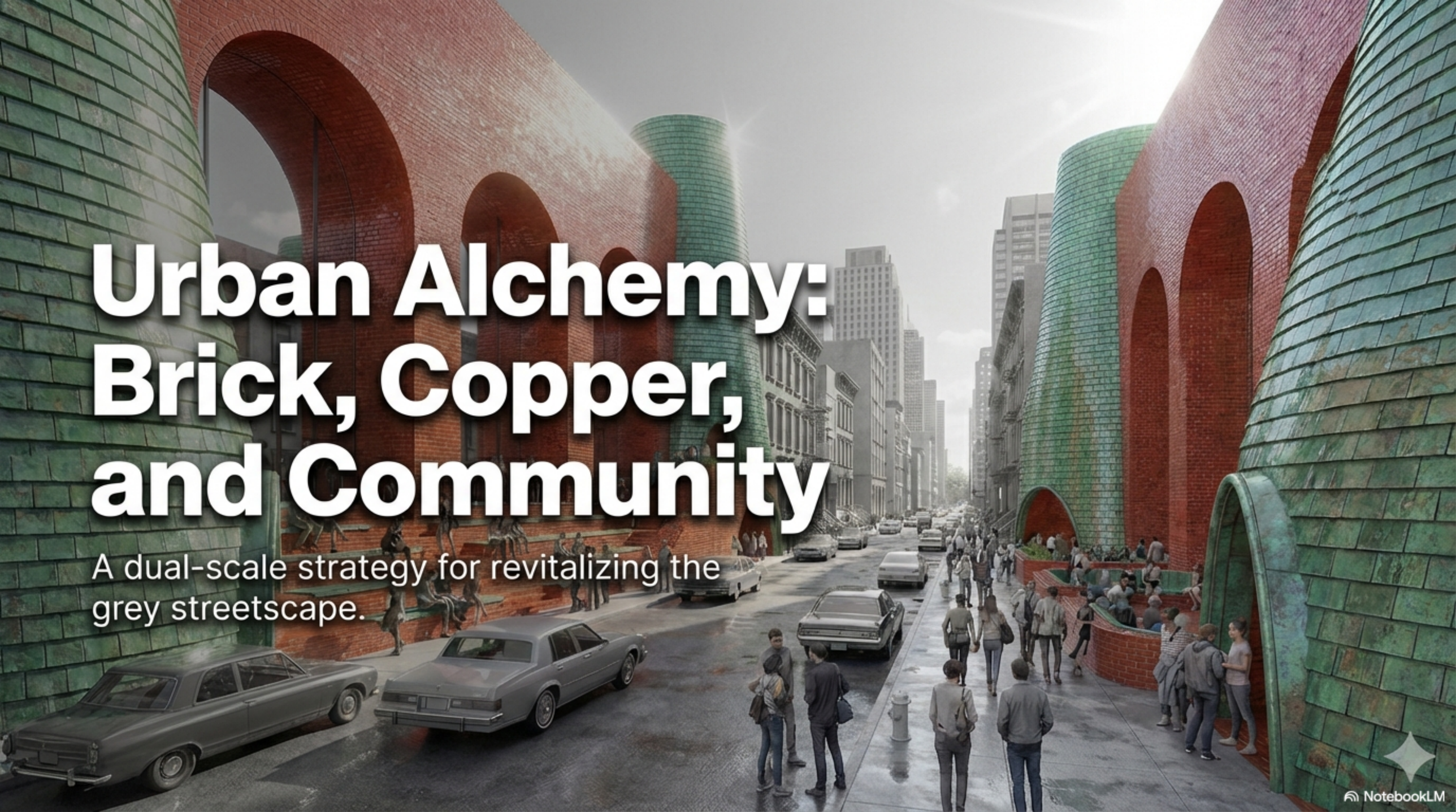
Urban Alchemy: Brick, Copper, and Community
A dual-scale strategy for revitalizing the grey streetscape.
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Two Interventions, One Language

The Civic Scale: A monumental plaza defined by grand arches and glazed tile towers.

The Neighborhood Scale: An intimate infill project utilizing copper shingles and reclaimed brick.

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The Civic Monument

Grand arches frame the urban experience, creating a multi-level gathering space that invites the public inward. The structure acts as a shelter and a stage.

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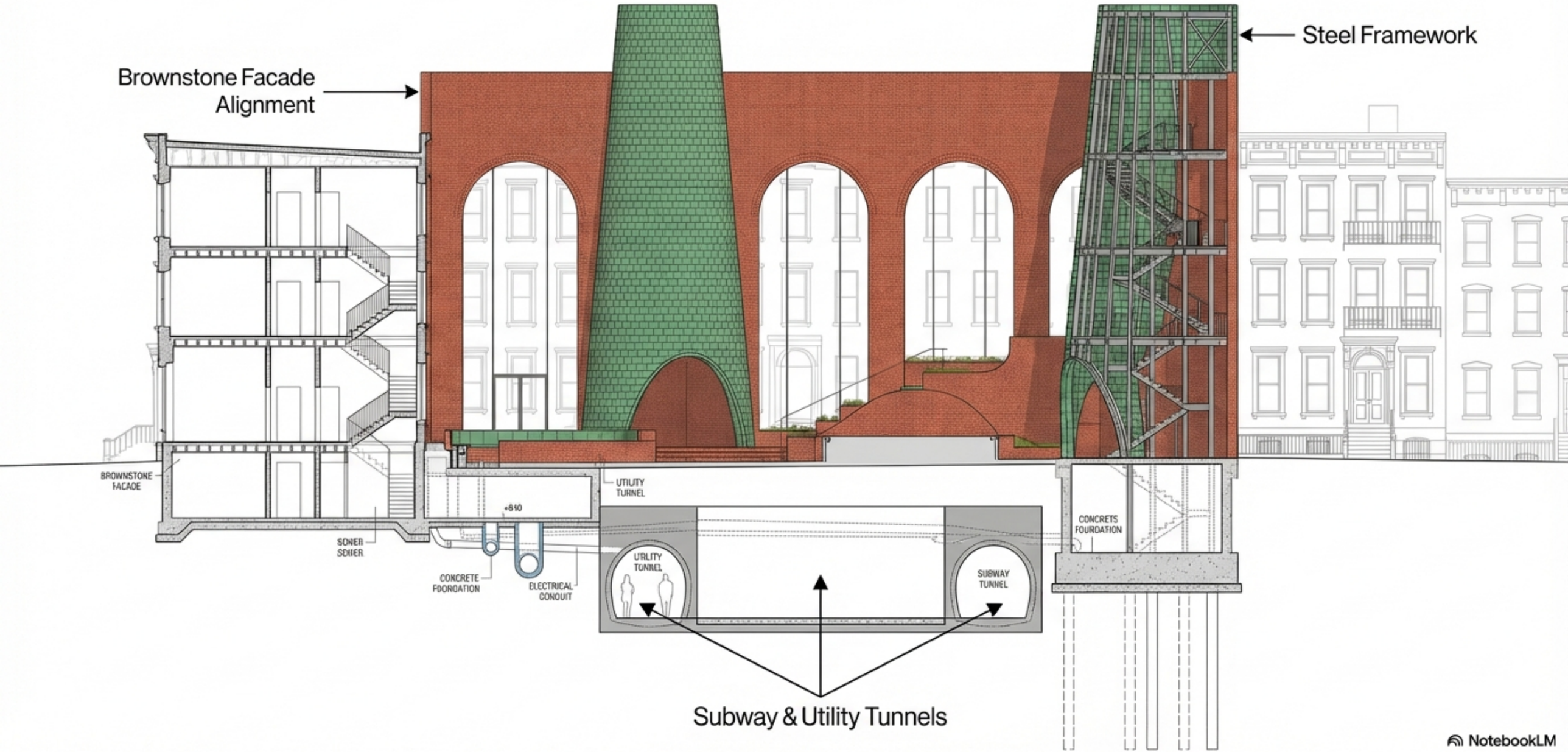
Built on Infrastructure



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The Social Amphitheater
A sunken seating pit and terraced brick steps encourage social interaction, performances, and casual meetups. The architecture shapes the gathering.
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Texture in Focus: Green Glazed Tile

The towers act as landmarks, clad in glazed tiles that reflect sunlight and change character throughout the day.

Detailed, glossy texture catches the sunlight.

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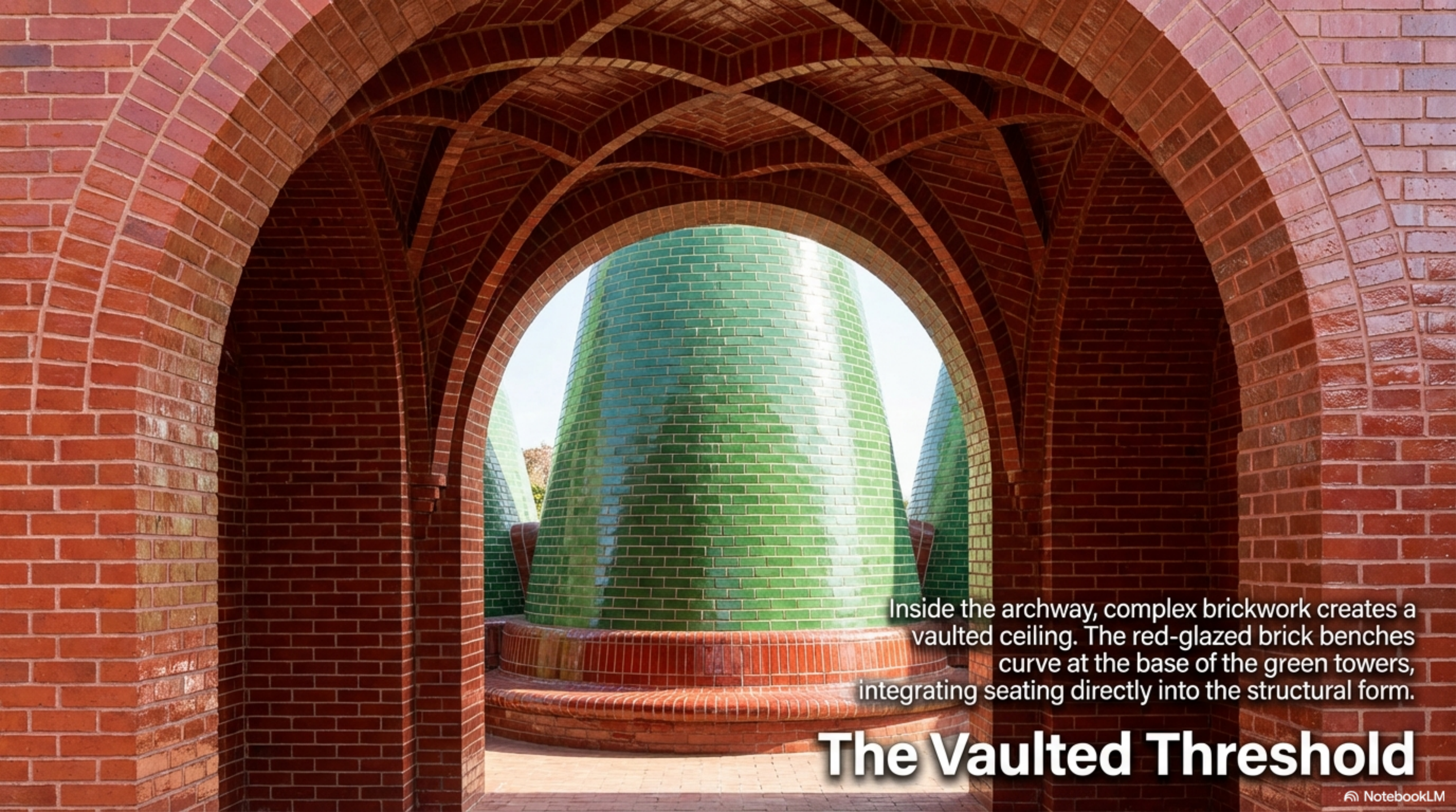

Inside the archway, complex brickwork creates a vaulted ceiling. The red-glazed brick benches curve at the base of the green towers, integrating seating directly into the structural form.

The Vaulted Threshold

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The Community Infill

A stunning infill project that bridges the gap in the streetscape. The design respects the historic brownstone facades while introducing a modern, vibrant geometry.

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The corner is activated by community steps and a terraced plaza. It provides a safe play space for local families and a gathering place for neighbors, blurring the line between private home and public street.

Porosity and Play

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The Copper Horizon
The sloped roof is covered in green-patina copper shingles—a classic New York texture reimagined.
Dormer window clad in brilliant, polished copper creates a warm glow.

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Patina and Polish
The copper roof is designed to patina over time, changing color to match the city. In contrast, the window frames remain bright and polished, maximizing natural light and connecting the indoors to the outdoors.

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Integrated Landscape

Custom copper planters are integrated directly into the brickwork, supporting urban gardening. Reclaimed bricks were selected to maintain a historic aesthetic while serving modern community needs.

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A Unified Material Palette
From the monumental to the domestic, a consistent language of red brick and green copper/tile creates a cohesive urban identity.

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Designed for Connection
Whether through grand arches or a neighborly stoop, these interventions prioritize social connection. They transform gaps in the urban fabric into vibrant hearts for the community.

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